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Joe Olson

Dear fellow members,

We hope you had a joyous holiday season and a happy new year! I informed you in the last issue we had a show planning meeting scheduled in January. The show is in full swing, we have mailed out over 5,000 dealer invitations. Through the efforts of Chris Keogh, & Everett Hull, Bourse Chairman; Frank Clark, Educational and Events Chairman; Huston Pearson & Mike Grant, Convention Coordinators; and Exhibit Chairman Benny Bolin, you will have one of the best shows ever. The help and enthusiasm of all the volunteers and TNA members made last years show a huge success, we see this show as even better.

We are now on the internet via America On Line. Mike Grant has us listed as MPG4TNA at this time, Mike is waiting to hear from you. This will help us achieve a wider range of recognition. We will have a Home Page in the very near future. I want to thank Mike for all his work to help project us into the next century.

I hope to see you at the TNA show and convention in May.

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American Numismatic Society Symposium

An educational symposium organized by the American Numismatic Society (ANS) in cooperation with the Chicago Coin Club and Chicago International Coin Fair will be held in conjunction with CICF'96.

CICF'96 is scheduled for March 29-31 and the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers in downtown Chicago will be the site for the third consecutive year.

The symposium is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, and will also be held at the Sherator Chicago Hotel & Towers.

The symposuim will feature the following speakers and topics: Harlan J. Berk, "The Coinage of Kroisos of Lydia, 565-546 B.C.". David J. MacDonald "Overstruck Greek Silver Coins--Problems and Opportunities" Robert D. Leonard "Numismatic Treasures of the Copper Scroll" Curtis Clay "Claudius and the Coinage of Roman Alexandria", Dr. Saul B. Needleman "Numismatic Evidence Contrary to the Edwardian Expulsion of the Jews from England in 1290", Dr. John Kleeberg, "Blood Talers' or Bunkum How the Hessians Were Paid" Thomas K. DeLorey, "The Recycled Dies of Honduras" Robert W. Julian "Aspects of Early U.S. Copper Coinage, 1792-1815", and Robert R. Van Ryzin "Who is Really Portrayed on the Buffalo Nickel?"

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A Few Words From the Editor

Mike Grant

It's the beginning of 1996 and already the coin shows are in full swing. From what I am reading in the trade journals this looks to be a very good year for numismatics. I have a personal goal to attend as many coin shows as possible in the state. I will report on each show that I have seen and let you know what is going on. I am also promoting the TNA and passing out applications. I am making extra copies of the TNA News to leave on the front tables at the shows. This will help numismatists find other shows schedules in the show listing. If you want some of the TNA News books for the front table of your show let me know and I will send you some, please limit the number you want.

National Coin Week is April 21-27 this year and the theme is "Money, History in Your Hands". Again this year all coin collectors are urged to drop old coins into circulation to try and get others interested in numismatics by finding these rarely seen coins. This was a lot of fun last year. I found a huge number of wheat pennies, some silver coins, and some 1800's coins. I will have to admit I was tempted to keep these but believe it or not I did put them back into circulation.

In this issue you will find a copy of the TNA Application for Membership. If you know someone that is interested in numismatics give them your copy of the TNA News with the application included, or just give them the application. This might make it easier for everyone if an app is included with each issue.

The 1996 TNA show will be May 3-4-5, at the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth. The book auction this year will be a silent auction with bid sheets for each lot. There will be a $3 charge for non-TNA members, TNA members get in free. We will have a coin auction on Saturday night at 6:30pm conducted by Mr. Greg Lauderdale. You may remember him from last year and the great auction he put on. We need volunteers to help out during the convention, if you would like to help please call or write me. I am listed on the officer page of the TNA News.

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ANNOUNCING THE 1996 TNA CONVENTION

MAY 3 - 5, 1996

The Texas Numismatic Association invites everyone to attend its **38th Convention**, to be held at the Tarrant County Convention Center, 111 Houston St., Fort Worth, Texas. Admission will be free to TNA members and juniors. A one-time $3.00 admission charge will allow all others to attend the show for all three days.

There will be a numismatic book auction on Saturday. This will be a silent auction, the material will be on tables for you to look at and bid sheets will be in front of each item.

TNA members are asked to volunteer as help for the show, in all capacities. Please contact Mike Grant at the return address on this booklet and let us know when you will be able to help. You will meet people and have fun, this will also help keep the show cost down. Thank you for a great show in 1995 and an even better one for 1996.

In the next issue of the TNA there will be all the final information on the May 1996 show.

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CULION ISLAND LEPER COLONY COINAGE OF THE PHILLIPINES

by Gary Hill

Leprosy is believed to have existed in the Phillipine islands at the time of the first spanish exploration. In the 16th century the franciscan friars erected a shelter for leppers in the front of their monastery within the walled city of Manilla. The hospital of San Juan De Dios was later built on the same spot. In 1830, by royal decree, leper settlements were established in Manila, Cebu, and Nueva Caceres. Only those with advanced stages of the disease were segregated, although they were allowed to mingle freely with non-lepers. Friday, under spanish rule, was "Leper's Day" and lepers walked the streets seeking charity

When the United States of America arrived in the Phillipines following the Spanish - American War of 1898, thousands of lepers were living a miserable existence. Almost nothing had been done to check the spread of leprosy or other diseases The american military took over the Saint Lazarus hospital and started to round up the worst cases of leprosy that were spread throughout manila and its neighbor islands.

A decision was made to isolate the lepers, partially on the experience in Hawaii of the Molokai Leper Colony. After an investigation of possible sites, the island of Culion was selected in 1901 as the segregation center. Culion is a small island, (150 miles Square), of the Phillipine Archipelago in the China Sea. It is located 200 miles southwest of Manilla On October 27, 1902, $50,000 was appropriated by the second Phillipine commission, but construction did not begin until 1905.

On May 27, 1906, the first group of 370 patients was brought to Culion island from Cebu by two coast guard cutters. They were received by the american officer in charge, Dr. Charles F. De Mey, four sisters of the order of St. Paul De Chartres, and a spanish jesuit priest. Fr. Manuel Valles.

The colony was designed to be not only self-contained but also self-sufficient for its existence. Because of this the colony had its own coinage between 1913 and 1930. Their were a total of 6 issues consisting 15 types of coins known to exist. The first two issues were made of aluminum and subsequent issues were constructed of a cupronickel alloy They are all considered scarce to rare from a collector's standpoint, mintages were only 4,000 to 30,000 pieces Many collectors and historians believe that many were dumped into the sea upon the Japanese occupation of January 2, 1942

At the close of the 20th century, the leper colony of Culion island remains open but is primarily used for rehabilitation and research, it is administered by the Phillipine Health Department.

In 1922, the third issue was minted. Because of the deleterious effects on aluminum, a copper-nickel alloy (75% copper, 25% nickel) was used in this and subsequent issues. Two coins were minted, 20 centavos and one peso. The reverse design remained the same with the encircled initials "PM" (Phillipine Mint) stamped under the value. The reverse legend was changed to "Phillipine Health Service". The mintages were; 20 cent - 10,155 and one peso - 8,280 pieces.

In 1925, the fourth issue incorporated an entirely new design. The obverse has the bust of Dr. Jose' Rizal, one of the most important of the Filipino Revolutionary Heroes, and the legend "Culion Leper Colony-Phillipine Islands." The reverse has the seal of the Phillipine Health Service (a shield with an eagle on the top looking to the viewer's left, the value, and the date. Only one peso, 20,000 coins were minted. The mintmarks "P" and "M" are to the right and left of the value.

In 1927, the fifth issue consisted of two denominations: 1 and 5 centavos. The bust of Jose' Rizal design was used for the 5 centavos, 30,000 were minted. The bust of Apolinario Mabini, another important Filipino Revolutionary Hero, was used for the 1 centavo coin, only 16,000 were minted. The reverses are similar to the 1925 design.

In 1930, the sixth and final issue was minted. There is some controversy about this issue. Mint records were lost during the war, supposedly two denominations were made; a 1 and 10 centavos. However, no one has ever seen the 1 centavo coin. Aldo Basso notes that by unofficial report, 2,000 of the 1 centavo coins wee minted with the bust of Andres Bonifacio, a Filipino Revolutionary Gerieral, and the legend "Leper Colonies and Stations-Phillipine Islands" on the obverse. On the reverse is the denomination 10, the date 1930, and the inscription "Phillipine Health Service-Leper Coin Ten Centavos." In 1926, a quantity of these coins were transferred to the San Lazaro hospital in Manilla. In 1927, about one-third of the fifth issue was sent to San Lazaro, this is the reason forthe legend change in 1930.

There is not a large collector base for these coins as they are relatively unknown.

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POSTAGE CURRENCY "COINS?"

by Benny Bolin

Fractional Currency has enjoyed an increased popularity over the past few years. Most collectors have some exposure and knowledge of it, however, very few collectors, other than those with advanced knowledge, know of the coins that were minted to redeem postage and fractional currency.

Fractional currency was issued between 1862 and 1876 in five seperate issues in denominations of three, five, ten, fifteen, twenty-five and fifty cents. It was printed to relieve the severe shortage of small change that came about due to people hording coins because of their fear of the stability of the government and its' paper money during the Civil War. "Postage currency coins" were minted to provide a redemption system for fractional currency with the intent to ligitimize it by giving it a more solid backing.

Mint director James Pollock in a report to Congress on October 27,1862, proposed a new coinage to ease the shortage of small change, one that would not be hoarded for its' bullion value. He proposed that these coins have a reduced weight, but retain the 9/10th fineness of the current coins as *"the people are always jealous of any reduction in quality."* He felt that these coins would be accepted by the public as the then current intrinsic value of a penny was less than 1/24th of a cent, and they were widely accepted and used by the general public. He questioned, *"would the half-dime dime or quarter dollar be any less acceptable if it were say, 3/4 their present weight?"* However, he never followed through on his idea and it was never implemented.

His idea was resurrected when in a May 15,1863 report to Director Pollock, Mint Assayers Jacob R. Eckfeldt and William E. DuBois recommended the use of this lower weight coinage for the redemption of fractional currency. They proposed that the dime be decreased in weight from 38.4 grains to 20 or 22 grains and that the quarter dollar be reduced from 96 grains to 50 or 55 grains. They further proposed experimenting with a new metal, Aluminum. They felt that a dime of the same composition and diameter, but half the thickness (to account for the weight reduction) would be unacceptable due to their fragility and possible bending. They proposed using Aluminum instead of Copper as the alloying metal as it could give more bulk to the coins for less cost. Two grains of Aluminum would give the same bulk as seven grains of Copper. They embarked on this experimental minting in total secrecy due to Secretary of the Treasury, Salmon Chase responding unfavorably to their initial proposal.

The first Postage Currency pattern pieces were struck on May 19, 1863. The obverse had a shield in the center and engraving around the edge reading "Exchanged For U.S. Notes." The reverse had engraving reading "Postage Currency--Act July 1862" on the edge and "10--Cents--1863" in three lines in the center. The exact number of specimens minted are difficult to ascertain, possibly due to the secrecy of the experiment resulting in less than precise records being kept.

One source reports that on that first day, 43 dimes in the standard silver composition on 22-23 grain planchets, these were found to be substandard. The next day, May 20, 1963, 30 dimes in Aluminum and 39 in pure tin with 3% Copper, 30 in Aluminum with 3% Silver and 27 in 75% Copper and 25% Silver were minted. There were also four varieties minted with a seated Liberty design on the obverse like the other coins of the time and with a reverse like the initial coins. Finally, there were four varieties minted in 1868-9 with the shield obverse and the reverse like the seated liberty coins, but with center engraving on three lines reading "ONE--DIME--1868." These were probably minted solely for sale to collectors, like other famous coins, since pattern coins and sets were very popular with collectors, easy to sell and a good source of revenue for the mint.

No one knows the real reason the issue never progressed past the pattern stage and was fully implemented. The attempt may have been abandoned as most specimens exhibit die cracks, are buckled and have split planchets indicating that they would probably have been very difficult if not totally unacceptable to produce and use on a mass scale. It also could have been that the finished product simply failed to impress the Treasury department officials as they had already responded unfavorably to the initial idea. Also, fractional currency was cheap to produce and was generally well accepted, so the need for the coins was just not there. Whatever the reason, these "Postage Currency Coins" are very intriguing.

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1996 TNA Convention Schedule

Friday, May 3rd

9:00 a.m. Registration Begins
Bourse and Exhibits Open to Badgeholders
10:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony
Bourse and Exhibits Open to Public
6:00 p.m. Bourse and Exhibits Close

Saturday, May 4th

9:00 a.m. Bourse and Exhibits Open to Badgeholders
TNA Board Meeting and Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Bourse and Exhibits Open to Public
2:00 p.m. Gary Hill will conduct a slide presentation on "Phillippine Leper Coins and Currency".
3:00 p.m. Society of Paper Money Collcetors Regional Meeting-SPMC Vice President Frank Clark will chair this regional meeting with guest speaker Fred L. Reed III, who is the author of the recently released book, "Civil War Encased Stamps: The Issuers and Their Times".
6:00 p.m. Bourse and Exhibits Close
6:30 p.m. Numismatic Auction, by Greg Lauderdale
Approximately 600 items consisting mostly of U.S. coins

Sunday, May 5th

9:00 a.m. Bourse and Exhibits Open to Badgeholders
TNA Awards Breakfast and Officer Installation
10:00 a.m. Bourse and Exhibits Open to Public
TNA General Membership Meeting
4:00 p.m. Bourse and Exhibits Close

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NATIONAL COIN WEEK
April 21-27, 1996
American Numismatic Association

The 73rd annual National Coin Week will be April 21-27. It is a time for collectors, clubs, and dealers to educate the public about the coin collecting hobby. It's a time for numismatists to go into classrooms, speak before civic groups and set up exhibits at libraries, schools, and banks. In short, it is a once a year opportunity for all of us to promote our hobby.

This year's National Coin Week theme is "Money, History in Your Hands" and the activity is "Coin Collecting: The World's Largest Treasure Hunt." We are hoping to repeat the success we had in 1995 when collectors all across the nation dropped low value, but rarely seen coins into circulation.

ANA is offering two full scholarships to any future Summer Conference in Colorado Springs to the coin club and the collector who submits the best story of how they dropped some rarely seen coins into circulation.

Last year there were reports of people making purchases at crowded check-out counters with uncut sheets of dollar bills. Another person tried to buy postage stamps with fractional currency (The postal clerk refused to accept them, but everyone in line jumped at the opportunity to get one.)

Send your best stories to ANA. They can be stories of last year's NCW events, or those from this year. Not only will we select the two best stories and give the winners full scholarships to ANA's Summer Conference, but we'll publish the best ones.

Besides promoting our hobby, it should be a lot of fun

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The New $100 Bill
It's A Russian Problem!!

The new $100 is soon to be released and most of us will only be curious about the new look. Few people use $100 bills regularly so this will only be a novelty and not greatly effect our lives.

This is not so for a number of people in foreign countries that treat the U.S. $100 bill as the ultimate repository of value. The Federal Reserve has estimated that two thirds of all U.S. cash circulates outside America. People in nations from Latin America to Africa save and conduct business in $100 bills. Many are worried that the old bills they have are about to become worthless.

Russia has the most widespread fear, the Russian Central Bank estimates that between $15 billion to $20 billion of U.S currency is in Russia, about 80% is in $100 bills. People are lining up at the currency exchanges trying to change $100 bills for smaller U.S. currency.

The fear stems from the announcement in 1991 by then Prime Minister Valentin Pavolv that a new Russian currency had been printed and citizens had three days to exchange their rubles. The people were allowed to turn in only the equivalent of one month's salary. The old rubles were declared worthless, and millions of Russians lost their life savings. In 1993 the government made another decree and Russians again had a limited amount of old money to exchange for new, all transactions were stamped in passports to prevent repeat visits.

The U.S. is going to extraordinary lengths to reassure Russians that they have nothing to fear from the redesign. The Treasury Department has posted explanatory flyers in Moscow and have an information hot line that receives 150 calls a day.

The U.S has a strong economic consideration in all this. The Federal Reserve sells currency to banks and used the credit to buy Treasury bills, which earn interest that fund government programs. The overseas market allows the Fed to sell more currency than it otherwise would be able to. The U.S. government comes out $20 billion to $25 billion ahead each year from the worldwide market in dollars.

Over the next few years the Treasury plans to redesign every note except the $1 bill. This may require a significant psychological adjustment even on the part of Americans.

Seven Million Stamp Legacy

Miami cab driver Peter Rasmussen left a 2,600 pound legacy of postage stamps to his heirs. Mr. Rasmussen collected stamps for more than 25 years and planed to spend his retirement working with his stamps.

Mr. Rasmussen passed away before he had the opportunity to finish his life's work. He bought the stamps from all over the world and stored them in plastic bread wrappers, shopping bags, cigar boxes, and taxi receipt envelopes.

Reporter Ed Treleven of the Wisconsin State Journal stated that there were 5 million stamps in the collection. The heirs of Mr. Rasmussen contacted a stamp broker, who found two buyers for the collection at a price of $10,000. Both of the buyers are stamp dealers in Wisconsin, Mr. Gary Small and Mr. Dennis Lemke. The huge collection was purchased sight unseen for more than $10,000. Mr. Lemke figures the collection may exceed 7 million stamps.

The accumulation contains stamps from Thailand, Ghana, Norway, Indonesia, Ireland, Bermuda, and a good quantity from post-Castro Cuba to name a few countries. Mr. Rasmussen's dream will live with others who love stamps as much as he did.

1996 CONVENTION (MAY 3-4-5)

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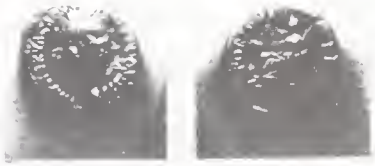
AMAZING HOARD OF ANCIENT ROMAN DENARI

Due to a fortunate purchase by the Jonathan K. Kern Co. ancient department we can now offer again our very popular Roman empire denari portrait gallery. These ancient Roman silver denari (singular denarius) were struck during the height of the Roman Empire from 69 to 235 AD. The Roman Empire stretched from Scotland to Arabia from Morrocco to Poland from Germany to Egypt, and the Mediterranean was known as the "Roman Lake". It was an empire like the world had never known and has not known since. Dozens of aspiring generals and tyrants like Justinian, Charlemagne, Napoleon and Hitler tried and failed to recreate the Roman Empire. All roads lead to Rome. When in Rome do as the Romans do. About every third word in the English language had its start in Roman Latin. Liberty on US coins is usually shown wearing or holding a Liberty cap which the Romans used to designate a free person. The Mercury head dime is named after the Roman messenger god. The fasces on the reverse is a symbol of Roman justice. The Roman Empire was the birth culture of the Christian religion. All one has to do is visit modern Rome now and look at the Colosseum built by Vespasian, the triumphal arch of Titus, Trajan's Column and the Forum of Trajan. These are 2,000 year old ruins which represent only a small fraction of the awe inspiring grandeur of this amazing civilization.

The average weight is about 3.5 grams of good silver. They were hand struck with the reverse die embedded in an "anvil" of log cross section and the obverse die was held and struck with a hand sledge hammer. These silver jewels were struck in massive quantities to fuel the economic needs of a vast thriving empire, and indeed as this hoard demonstrates, the oldest denari in the hoard passed from hand to hand for over 125 years before being buried. They were struck by hand engraved dies by skilled artists known as celators. The portraits of all the different Roman emperors and their family members are like a portrait gallery of miniatures silver busts or like a precious metal three dimensional photo album. The reverse dies were also carefully engraved, usually to depict all the gods, goddesses, heroes and nymphs of Roman mythology. Other reverse commemmorated military victories, religious or political events or just plain propaganda.



1. NERVA, 96-98 A.D., Fine $69

2. TRAJAN, 98-117 A.D., VF $79

Amazing Hoard cont

The silver denarius was also the power base by which Roman emperors maintained the loyalty of their legions These paid professional legionaires, though proud to be part of the Roman army, were just as happy serving a rival claimant to the Imperial Purple if he happened to have a more generous war chest overflowing with denari All through the reign's **NERVA** and all the other Adoptive emperors the standard pay of the legionaire was 300 denari a year

Just by handling these treasures of the past one can almost hear the drums giving a cadence to the tromp of the Legion's advance and the trumpets signaling the charge against the enemy lines! But after the battles are over and the paymaster has distributed the denari to the surviving legions what happened then? For a denarius a Roman could buy 12 large loaves of bread, or 24 small loaves A serving of table wine (probably watered, which was acceptable) cost an as, or 1/16 of a denarius Vintage wine cost 1/4 a denarius a serving In the Holy Land an amphora of olive oil from the Galilee cost one denarius A bunch of grapes or 10 figs cost an as or 1/16 of a denariur An ox sold for 100 denari, and a calf 20 denari, and a ram 8 denari, and 5 sparrows cost 1/8 denarius It could cost a trader 10,000 denari to lease a ship (galley). A scribe, a highly educated man, earned 12 denari a week He ate and drank for 4 denari a week and his clothing also cost 4 denari a week (he must have dressed quite well because a commoner could buy sackcloth which would last years for only 4 denari).

3 **HADRIAN**, 117-138 A D , VF $79

4 **SABINA**, died 137 A D Fine $69

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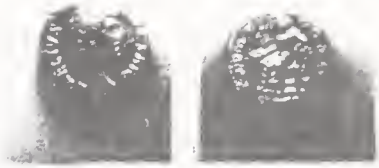
THE ADOPTIVE EMPERORS COINAGE OF ROME'S ZENITH

The English historian Edward Gibbon termed the second century A D the "happiest age in history" Between 96 and 180 A D the Roman Empire was ruled by a series of capable emperors After the assassination in A D 96 of Domitian, the last of the Flavian emperors the Senate chose one of their own members, the elderly **NERVA**, to succeed to the throne To secure the support of the army the new emperor adopted the general **TRAJAN** as his son and heir in A D 97 This adoption set a precedent for the next four emperors--**TRAJAN**, **HADRIAN**, **ANTONINUS PIUS**, and **MARCUS AURELIUS**, would come to the throne as the adoptive son of their predecessor Under these "adoptive emperors" the Roman Empire would reach the zenith of its power and prosperity

In A D 98, **TRAJAN** became emperor upon the death of **NERVA**. Under **TRAJAN**, the Roman Empire underwent its last significant territorial expansion After two campaigns (A D 101-102 and 105-106) **TRAJAN** annexed the Kingdom of the Dacians (modern Romania) In the Forum of Rome there still stands the awe inspiring column of **TRAJAN** depicting the military campaign against the Dacians in detail as over 2 500 figures spiral upward around the 125 foot height.



5 **AELIUS, CAESAR**, 136-138 A D Fine $179

6 **ANTONINUS PIUS**, 138-161 A D , VF $59

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In A D 105 the Kingdom of the Nabataeans was converted into the Roman province of Arabia Petraea In A D 114 a disoute with Parthia led **TRAJAN** to annex Armenia and invade Mesopotamia In A D 116 Mesopotamia was declared a Roman province However rebellions in the East, including those of the Jews, forced **TRAJAN** to retreat He died in A D 117 before he could resume campaigning in the East Before his death, **TRAJAN** named his adopted son **HADRIAN** as his heir

The reign of **HADRIAN** was one of consolidation The new emperor gave up **TRAJAN'S** eastern conquests--Arminia regained its former status as a Roman vassal state Other Frontiers were strengthened In Britian the wall he built to defend against the Scottish tribes is still to be seen **HADRIAN** spent most of his reign outside of Italy touring the provinces to see first-hand what were each territory's needs **HADRIAN** married a grand neice of **TRAJAN'S** named **SABINA**, but they had no children, so in A D 136, **HADRIAN** adopted a certain L. **CEIONIUS COMMODUS**, who took the name **AELIUS CAESAR**, as his son and heir However the death of **AELIUS** in A D 138 compelled **HADRIAN** to designate a new heir **ANTONINUS**. In turn, **HADRIAN** compelled **ANTONINUS** to adopt **LUCIUS VERUS**, the son of **AELIUS**, and a nephew of **ANTONINUS**, **MARCUS ANNIUS VERUS**, renamed **MARCUS AURELIUS** **HADRIAN** died later that same year

7 **FAUSTINA SENIOR**, died 141 A.D VF $59

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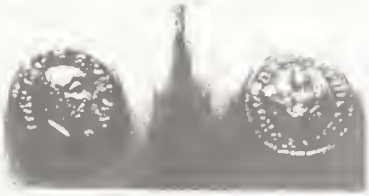
Amazing Hoard cont

The reign of **ANTONINUS PIUS** (A D 138-161) was notable chiefly for its tranquility although in Britian a new detensive line north of **HADRIAN'S** wall was built to keep the Scottish tribes further at bay His wife, **FAUSTINA SENIOR**, died in 141 A D , so the vast majority of her coinage was commemorative in nature Also notable was the long apprenticeship of **MARCUS AURELIUS**, who was named Ceasar in A D 139 He married a daughter of **ANTONINUS PIUS** and **FAUSTINA** in 145 A D She is known to history as **FAUSTINA JUNIOR**. By the time of the death of **ANTONINUS** in A D 161 **MARCUS** was thoroughly prepared to assume the burdens of office As it turned out, they would prove to be considerable

Upon his accession, **MARCUS AURELIUS** elevated his adoptive brother, **LUCIUS VERUS**, to the position of co-emperor **MARCUS**, however, was clearly the supreme authority **LUCIUS** married the eldest daughter, **LUCILLA**, of **MARCUS** and **FAUSTINA JUNIOR** in 164 A D. **MARCUS** was to spend much of his reign on campaign Invasions of German tribes from the north and of Parthians from the east bedevilled the empire Plague, brought back from the east by the army in A.D 166, swept the empire (a second wave of plague carried **LUCIUS VERUS** away in A D. 169) Despite these shocks, **MARCUS** was able to restore order on the eastern frontier and was poised to annex territories on the northern frontier at the time of his death A D 180 **MARCUS** was succeeded by his son **COMMODUS**, thus breaking the pattern of succession through adoption, and with the acession, Rome's greatest era came to an end

COMMODUS proved to be a despot who became quite insane **COMMODUS** thought he was the god Hercules and he is depicted as Hercules on a number of his coins He would enter the arena himself to fight gladiators and wild beasts There were several plots against him one of which involved his sister **LUCILLA**, whom he put to death **COMMODUS'** wife **CRISPINA** was banished early in his reign and later executed **COMMODUS** was eventually assassinated Dec. 31, 192 A D and the Roman Empire entered an era of anarchy

9 **FAUSTINA JUNIOR**, died 175 A D VF $59

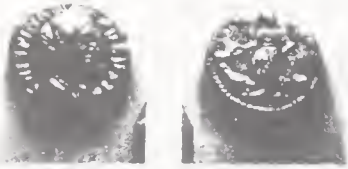


10 **LUCIUS VERUS**, 161-169 A D
VF $89

Amazing Hoard cont

11 LUCILLA, died 182 A.D. VF $69

12 COMMODUS, 177-192 A.D.
VF $69



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PURPOSES

To promote and advance interest and comprehensive knowledge of numismatics: to cultivate friendly relations among fellow collectors; to hold periodic meetings and exhibits; to provide a place and time to buy, sell, and trade numismatic items; to serve its members collectively, not individually.

ADVANTAGES

To be a member is to have fraternal affiliation with numismatists of your state; to know their addresses and collecting interests; to have the honor of serving visitors with the names of collectors in their vicinity; to participate in the annual convention; to receive the official publication. TNA membership offers prestige on the state level just as ANA offers prestige on the national and international levels.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

Each Regular, Junior and Chapter member receives the TNA News for no additiona cost. Insofar as possible, this media will keep you informed about your association, and the individual and chapter members. It carries time y articles and features. Its pages are free to all members, to express their views and to contribute articles for the advancement of numismatics Those seeking information may ask for help through the pages of TNA News. Those having items for sale or trade may advertise for a nominal sum. TNA News is the voice of TNA.

CONVENTIONS

TNA will meet in annual convention Members are entitled to a voice at the conventions The business sessions are devoted to the procedures necessary to the operation of your state association Entertainment and time for renewal of friendships is an important part of the conventions.

Education exhibits are a vital adjunct. The opportunity to buy, sell and trade is provided for through bourse activity.

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Regular members are at least 18 years of age. Associate members are at least 18 and a member of the immediate family of a regular member. Junior members are 9 to 18 years of age. Chapter members are those organizations as listed on the previous page.

APPLICATION

Applicants for membership must be proposed for membership by a TNA member who signs the application form together with and additional person known as a Voucher. A Voucher for an applicant for Regular membership should be an adult of reputable character who knows the applicant. A Voucher for an applicant for Junior membership must be a parent of guardian of the applicant. Applications for Chapter Membership should be signed by the president. Such other information as required on the application form should be given.

Chapter membership applicant should furnish this additional information:

1. Names and addresses of officers
2. Name and address of TNA Representative
3. Mailing address
4. Meeting date, time and place

APPLICANTS

Names of applicants are published in the TNA News. If no objections are received within 20 days after date of publication, applicant is admitted to membership. Membership card is sent with notification of admission. The official publication will be mailed to eligible applicants.

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Signature of Applicant for Individual Membership

Signature of Proposer_____TNA#_____

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Regualr Applicant Signature of Voucher

_____ TNA#_____

Associate Applicant Signature of Family Member

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Junior Applicant Signature of Parent or Guardian

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Chapter Applicant Signature o President

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TNA Action_____TNA#_____

Dues Received $_____Date_____

Statement of Income and Loss

Kirk Menczer - Treasurer

September 1, 1995 - January 1,1996

REVENUE:		
Medal Sales	$ 40.00	1.0%
Dues	212.00	5.5%
Newsletter Advertising	1,072.00	27.9%
Interest Income	1,923.54	50.0%
Donations-Coins for A's	100.00	2.6%
TNA Auction	500.00	13.0%
Total Revenue	$ 3,847.54	100.0%
EXPENSES:		
Office of Secretary-Stipend	$ 350.00	9.1%
Office of Secretary-Postage	148.96	3.9%
Office of Secretary-Other	86.10	2.2%
Office of Medal Officer	2.39	0.1%
Office of Editor-Stipend	300.00	7.8%
Office of Editor-Printing	1,175.57	30.6%
Office of Editor-Other	172.80	4.5%
Dues-ANA	99.00	2.6%
Insurance	947.84	24.6%
Total Expenses	$ 3,282.66	85.3%
Net Operating Income (Loss)	564.88	14.7%
Income/(Loss) From Operations	564.88	14.7%

Please clip and save the new address for all *TNA News* correspondence:

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Balance Sheet

Kirk M. Menczer - Treasurer

January 31, 1996

ASSETS:		
Current Assets		
Hill Country Bank	$ 11,963.47	
"Coins for A's" Fund	548.31	
ANA Jr. Seminar Fund	1,268.25	
TNA Memorial Library Fund	707.58	
CD Life Membership Fund	11,218.33	
CD	10,775.75	
Total Current Assets		$ 36,481.69
TOTAL ASSETS:		$ 36,481.69
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Equity:		
Unrestricted Fund Balance	$ 37,421.69	
Net Income (Loss)	(940.00)	
Total Equity		$ 36,481.69
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:		$ 36,481.69

J.D.I.!!

Well, the time has come. I have again this year tried to encourage everyone to prepare and place an exhibit at this years TNA convention. While time is growing short, you still have plenty of time to do one. I will be sending out applications to those of you who have exhibited in the past and to all TNA officers to encourage more members to exhibit If you need help or an application, either write me or refer to the December, 1995 edition for the application. Thanks for the hard work.

Just do it!

Contact me via mail or phone:

TNA Exhibit Chairman
Benny Bolin
Route One, Box 331B
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Calendar Of Events

1996

March 15-17 **Irving, TX** 75 Tables
Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin & Card Show
Howard Johnson Airport Inn, 120 W. Airport Freeway (Old Hwy 183)
Contact: Paul or Doug, (214) 262-4491 (evenings, 6pm-9pm)
P.O. Box 224584, Dallas, TX 75222-4584

March 16-17 **Beaumont, TX**
Southeast Texas Coin & Collectables Spring Show
Sponsored by the Beaumont, Orange, Port Arthur, & Silsbee Coin Clubs. Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza, 3950 I-10 South, Houston Room
Contact: Bourse Chairman, (204) 385-9272
P.O. Box 1676, Silsbee, TX 77656

March 23-24 **Waco, TX**
Waco Coin & Stamp Show
Sponsored by the Waco Coin Club, Inc.
Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave.
Call (817) 756-6613, or (817) 778-3625
P.O. Box 1321, Hewitt, TX 76643-1321

April 13 **Austin, TX** 30 Tables
Central Texas Coin, Stamp, and Sports Card Show
Quality Inn - South, 2200 S. In-35 at Oltorf
Contact: Francis Smith, (512) 448-6372
P.O. Box 1182, Austin, TX 78767-1182

April 20 **Abilene, TX**
Annual Coin, Stamp, & Card Show, Sponsored by the Key City Coin Stamp, and Trading Card Club of Abilene, TX, Sat. 9-6
First Baptist Church Family Life Center, 1442 N 2nd, Abilene, TX
Contact: Randall Thornton (915) 677-1936
P.O. Box 5853, Abilene, TX 79603

April 27-28 **San Antonio, TX** 30 Tables
San Antonio 1996 Coin & Collectibles Show
Sponsored by the Gateway Coin Club
Oak Hills Best Western Motor Inn 7401 Wurzbach Rd
Contact Raymond Tate, (210) 271-3429
P O Box 12964, San Antonio, TX 78212

May 3-4-5 **Fort Worth. TX** **90 Tables**
Texas Numismatic Coin Show & Convention
Tarrant County Convention Center, 1111 Houston St.
Non TNA members $3 adminssion.
Contact: Chris Keogh or Evertt Hull, (817) 336-1782
P.O. Box 9107, Fort Worth, TX 76147

May 25-26 **Fort Worth, TX**
2nd Annual Mid-Season Coin & Stamp Show
Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway
Contact: Joe or Linda Wade (817) 485-1777
6420 Diamond Loch, Fort Worth, TX 76180

June 8-9 **Austin, TX** **35 Tables**
Capital City Coin Show
Quality Inn South, 2200 South I-35 (at Oltorf)
Contact: Jeffery Meyer (512) 912-8127

June 14-16 **Irving, TX** **75 Tables**
Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin & Card Show
Howard Johnson Airport Inn, 120 W. Airport Freeway (Old Hwy 183)
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July 6-7 **Amarillo, TX** **165 Tables**
Golden Spreead Coin Club Annual Collectors Show
Amarillo Civic Center, Exhibits Room.
Contact: Nela Runkle, (806) 355-1702, 4304 Jennie Ave., Amarillo, TX 79106-6033.

July 20 **Austin, TX** **30 Tables**
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Quality Inn - South, 2200 S IN-35 at Oltorf
Contact Francis Smith (512) 448-6372
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August 9-11 **Irving, TX** **75 Tables**
Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin & Card Show
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Aug 24-25 **Fort Worth, TX**
25th Annual Summer Coin & Stamp Show
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Sep 7 **San Antonio/Live Oak, TX** **25 Tables**
Alamo Coin Show, Sponsored by the Alamo Coin Club
Live oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd. at Loop 1604 NE.
Contact. Harold Eiserloh (210) 341-6587
P.O. Box 100714, San Antonio, TX 78201-8714

Sep 27-29 **Irving, TX** **75 Tables**
Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin & Card Show
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Oct 19 **Austin, TX** **30 Tables**
Central Texas Coin, Stamp and Sports Card Show
Quality Inn - South, 2200 S. IN-35 at Oltorf
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Oct 26-27 **Fort Worth, TX** **60 Tables**
36th Annual Coin Show, Green Oaks Inn, Fort Worth, TX, Sat. 9-6, Sun 9-5, Fort Worth Coin Club, Contact: Gary Hill, (214) 263-7334

Nov 22-24 **Wichita Falls, TX** **35 Tables**
Annual Wichita Falls/Red River Coin & Stamp Club Coin Show
Location: Wichita Falls Multi-Purpose Events Convention Center
Contact Connolly O'Brian (817) 723-1792,1503 Beverly WF TX76309

Nov 30-Dec1 **Irving, TX** **75 Tables**
Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin & Card Show
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TEXAS District Meetings

DISTRICT I

The **Mid-Cities Coin Club** met Dec. 5th in Arlington at the Randol Mill Cafe. President Troy Bower called the meeting to order. The election of officers is held in December. The new president is Jim Fitzgerald, VP - George Derrick. The christmas party is Dec. 9th at the same location, 6:00pm. The club logo competition had several entries with Don Higginbotham's Buffalo Nickel design winning the $30 prize. This logo will be used on all future documents for the club. This club is only a year old and already is growing at an incredible rate, five new members in November.

At the Jan. 2nd meeting new president Jim Fitzgerald presided. The christmas party was a big success, with over 35 people attending. There was a raffle for some interesting items and an auction to help pay for the food. A bingo game rounded out the evening with everyone winning something.

Gary Hill is the clubs' roaming Ambassador he has helped bring new members to the club from all over the metroplex. Gary also gave the educational program on "Post WWI Emergency Money". The club decided to run an ad in the TNA News to let other collectors know were we meet.

--Bob Millard, (Corresponding Secretary)

The Stephenville Coin Club met at the Golden Coral Steak House Jan 22nd. President Bob Swenson presided with 22 members and guests present. Charles Callier gave a program titled "How Much Would You Spend on Proof Coins if You Bought One of Every Proof Coin the Mint Offered Last Year". This program showed that the collector would have spent $3,100.00. The names of the 1996 officers will be available by the first meeting in Feb. Long time treasurer Morse Ross resigned Charles Wartes held the auction with Stephanie Prater Grandaughter of Bill & Jo Stern as floor runner

-- Jo Stern, (Secretary)

DISTRICT IV

The **Capitol City Coin Club** held its annual Christmas Dinner Dec 14th at the Steak and Ale Restaurant in Austin. There were 45 members and guests present, who enjoyed an excellant steak dinner Door prizes consisting of type coins were provided by the club and

McBrides of Austin. The outgoing officers of 1995 were Brian Jones-President; Owen Smith-Vice President, Jeffrey Meyer-Secretary; & Francis Smith-Treasurer. Each was given a $2 1/2 gold peso for their service. The club sponsored two coin shows in 1995. The 1996 officers are Jeffrey Meyer-President; Mitch London-Vice President Brian Jones-Secretary; & Tom Deal-Treasurer. Special thanks to Mitch London for arranging the Christmas dinner and meeting Good coin hunting to all in 1996!

- -Francis Smith. (Club Treasurer)

The November 2nd meeting of the **Williamson County Coin Club** was attended by nine members. Mr. Krammer called the meeting to order. The Christmas party was the first order of business, the club voted to hold it on Nov. 30th at the 620 Cafe in Round Rock. Flyers for the November 8th and December 5th lectures from the Architectural Institute of America were distributed. Mr. Liarkos gave a program on the 1090 S VDB cent and how to indetify counterfeits. He handed out illustrations, and explained about the four dies used in the production of the authentic coins. Mr. Krammer talked on his new interest - Tokens. One he has gotten portrayed the meeting of President Taft and Mexican President Juaz. There was also a discussion on the model and years of cars on the reverse of the $10 bill, and a session on the US coin market fluctuations and coins as speculative investments.

The November 30th meeting was attended by 14 members and guests. This was the annual Christmas banquet held at the 620 Cafe in Round Rock. Mr. Krammer proposed that current officers be relected for 1996, the motion passed. Food and fellowship were the order of business for the rest of the meeting.

--Erin Davis, club Secretary

DISTRICT V

The **Dallas Coin Club** December 13th meeting had 36 members and guests present. President Frank Clark Called the meeting to order. The installment of the new officers was posponed until January The program consisted of a bingo game, raffle, and White Elephant Auction The main order of the day was the Christmas dinner. Bailey's Barbeque of Fort Worth provided the food and Mike Grant made six pumpkin pies for desert. Tom Ragsdale brought eggnog for everyone.

At the January 18th meeting there were 16 members present. The officers were installed for 1996. There was a motion to give a donation to the Texas Money Museum, the motion passed. Frank Clark gave a most interesting talk on "Mutilated Currency Checks and Federal Reserve Bank Memorabilia".

--club newsletter (Michael P. Grant, editor)

At the November meeting of the **Collin County Coin Club**, there were 26 members and guests present. A motion to set aside a non-smoking table(s) was approved. Gary reminded everyone that the club library was there for their use. Jimmie Ranes presented a short program on the General Services Administration's "Great Silver Sale" of the 1970's. Jimmies program included the reasons that brought on the sale as well as examples of GSA sale literature, mailing envelopes and various samples of the coins that were in the sale. The club secretary brings some of the library materials to each meeting for the members to check out, everyone should take advantage of this.

The holiday dinner on Dec. 21st was a big success. Thirty-two members and guests were treated to a premium steak dinner. The major door prize, a $5 American Gold Eagle was won by Gary (Lucky) Rollins. The 1996 American Eagles come out around the 2nd week of Jan. and the new $100 bill will be out soon, with plans to produce new $50, $20, & $10 in the new future. This will be an exciting time in numismatic history.

--club newsletter (Jim Ranes-Secretary/Editor)

DISTRICT VI

The **Bellaire Coin Club** meets the first and third Mondays of each month. At the November 20th meeting the secretary called the meeting to order with 26 members and guests present. The 1995 Pasadena Show, and the christmas party were topics of discussion. J. Todd gave a program on Fractional Currency, and Bevill held 5 bingo games. Forty-six lots were auctioned by Jim Bevill.

At the Dec. 4th meeting there were 35 members and guests present. The president called the meeting to order and announced membership dues for 96. Reservations for the christmas party need to be made now. Grabowski talked about the 96 Bellaire Show, and Bevill, Windsheimer, & Clemons spoke on the 95 Pasadena Show. The program was by D. Freind on Shield/Liberty Nickels.

On Dec. 18th the Christmas dinner with the Greater Houston Coin Club was held at The Forum at Memorial Woods. There will be no meeting on January 1st.

--club newsletter, Michael Wolford, (editor)

The **Clements Coin Club** of Clements High School in Sugar Land is one of the most exciting young numismatists clubs in the country. The 11/16 issue of the C-Cubed newsletter starts with a message from treasurer Betty Chen, proposing to change the date of the club meetings for a time the students will find better fits their school schedules. There is a letter from a 10th grade student at Cape Coral High School, the daughter of ANA Governor Gary Lewis of Cape Coral, Florida. Then there is an article on how paper money is printed followed by a letter from club vice president Inyork Wong. Last is a

list of the coin shows taking place around the state.

In the 11/30 issue of the C-Cubed is a salute to the teachers and a students that scored 1600 on the SAT. There is an essay contest on Captain James Cook and the Cook Islands. Paul Garner donated a 1974 Cook Islands silver Commemorative set to the winner of the essay.

The Dec 7th issue of the C-Cubed starts with an article from vice presicent Bhavin Shah on Paul Revere. The essay contest deadline is Dec. 15th on the Cook Islands. Historian Hanh Ha suggests the students go see a movie to relieve the academic pressure.

- -C-*Cubed* , **(Sini Jacob-Club Secretary)**

The **Greater Houston Coin Club** had 39 members and guests present at the November 19th meeting. Byron Paris informed the club that 75 tables were sold for the Feb. '96 show and there are still three months left. He is talking to the Adam's Mark Hotel about having a show there The date for the Christmas party is Monday Dec. 18th. Byron also presented the program for the evening on Barber Coinage, facts and figures. Fred Perz and John Pavlovic were congratualted on the Thanksgiving dinner.

There were two meetings in December, Monday the 18th was the Christmas dinner party, and Thursday the 21st was the business meeting. The Christmas dinner was held jointly with the Bellaire Coin Club at the Forum Memorial Woods.

- -*Double Shift*, **(Stan Garczynski, editor and Bernard Loebe, club Secretary)**

In November **Pasadena Coin Club** held its meetings on the 13th and 27th. In December there will only be one meeting, the annual Christmas pot luck dinner. At the Nov. 13th meeting the club discussed the need for only one club approved auction form to be used in the auctions. Members Steve Ushack and Mrs Ripley attended this meeting after having been absent for awhile.

At the Nov. 27th meeting seven new members signed up. Recently at an auction a 1968S Proof Set with the No S dime sold for $7000 and a 1968S set with a cracked case sold for $6325, so look through your sets they may be worth than you know The estate of A.S Alexander donated Capital Plastic holders to the club. The club has new business cards for members to give out.

--**Rich Naugle. (Editor)**

DISTRICT VII

The December 14th **Alamo Coin Club** meeting had 28 members and visitors This was the annual Christmas dinner which consisted of Mexican and Chinese food instead of the traditional turkey or ham The upcomming Alamo Coin Shows are January 27, September 7, and December 14 Edith won the big raffle prize, Walter Breene's book -

"The Encyclopedia of U.S Coins" The other big winner was Tom who won the 1884CC silver dollar.

There were 21 members and visitors present for the January 11th meeting Wayne Gordon won the door prize. Wayne's numismatic classes for 4th and 5th graders was posponed for a couple of months. Harold reported the plans for the Jan. 27th show are going well. The program was the ANA tape "Money, History In Your Hands"

At the Jan. 25th meeting there were 22 members and guests present. Vicki won the door prize. The show is two days away and all tables are sold. The Silver Art Medal Collectors Society wanted to hold their convention in conjunction with a two day fall show and asked if the Alamo Coin Club was interested After a survey of the dealers who were split 50-50 it was suggested that SAMCS might try the Fort Worth or Metroplex shows.

- -*The Alamo News*. **(Harold Eiserloh, Editor)**

The November 2nd meeting of the **Gateway Coin Club** had 30 members and 2 guests present. Don Bailey won the attendance prize. There was a discussion on the upcomming Christmas party. Karla Galindo led the round table discussion. Py Coryell and Claude Proulx donated items to the auction for the club.

There were 26 members and guests at the Nov. 16th meeting. Don Bailey won the attendance prize again this month. Karla Galindo made a motion to have the club recognize St. Eligius as the patron Saint of Numismatists The motion passed and approved by acclamation. The educational program "Judean Procurator Coins" was given by Wayne Gordon.

At the Dec. 7th meeting there were 32 people. This is the annual Christmas party hosted by Miriam Gilmore. The dinner was a huge success and every one had a fun filled night

On Dec 21st, 15 members and visitors attended the last meeting of the year. San Antonio Express-News photographer Rodolfo Ornelas attended the meeting to take publicity photos to help promote the club. Marianne Hunter won the attendance prize. Ray Tate announced he will be mailing out applications for the upcoming coin show to the dealers The Gateway Coin Club will sponsor its 19th Annual Show on April 27-28

--Frank Galindo, (Club President)

DISTRICT IX

The December 4th meeting of the **South Plains Coin Club** was brought to order by President Sharron Rice. There were 87 members and guests. This was the annual Christmas dinner catered by Danny's Hens and Fins After a short business meeting special awards were presented by President Sharon Rice to James Golden and Hanson Ling The award for member of the year went to James Golden. A plaque

with all the names of the life members listed on it was donated by Ed Chauncey. Recipients of this years life memberships were Herman Jacobs, Lamonte Pitzer, and Bill Renfro. The auction raised $1,434.00 to be donated to Meals on Wheels and Hospice of Lubbock.

The January meeting was held on the 15th with 25 members present. The final job assignments were given out for the show in February. Hanson Ling made a motion to change the meeting time from 7:30pm to 7:00pm, this was tabled until February. Hanson gave the program on the Spanish Plate Fleet of 1715 and showed two gold coins that were recovered from salvaging. Sharon Rice announced that she and her husband are opening a coin shop on Feb 1st.

--Lamonte Pitzer, (District IX Governor) and Sharron Rice, (Club President)

DISTRICT XI

The **Golden Spread Coin Club** met November 6th. The Christmas party is Dec. 3rd at the Western Sizzlin Steak House. The Jan. 1st meeting has been moved to Jan. 8th. Art Tollett and Lois Stewart won the drawings. The program was on the tape from the BEP titled "The Making of Money". The coin case went to the winning bid from Linda Runkle for $105.00, congratulations Linda! The club thanks the Garretts for the donation of the case. Franky Hill also gets a big vote of thanks for all the donations he has made over the years. The club voted to give $50 to the Salvation Army for the Angel Tree, and $50 to St. Anthony's Hospice. The club also gave $500 to the Raymond & Eric Bates WTAMU Scholarship Fund, Red Books to the libraries in Amarillo & Canyon along with videos. The new officers for 1996 are: R. L. "Tommy" Tompkins-President; Homer Dotts-First Vice President; Jim Laub-Second Vice President; Nela Runkle-Secretary; Paulla White-Treasurer; Jerry Davidson, Ron Hoskins, & Jim Hall-Members at Large.

The December 3rd meeting was the Christmas party. Remember the Jan. meeting will be the 8th because of New Years. R.J. Hansen will present the program "Plastics and How to Protect Your Coins". The 1996 dues should be paid by January. Thirty-seven membrs and guests attended the Christmas dinner. Casey (David Cervin) performed a magic snow. Everyone had a good time with guessing games and a bingo game to round out the evening.

--Nela Runkle, (Editor)

DISTRICT XIII

The **Greenbelt Coin Club** met Jan. 9th with 18 members and guests present. All members that attended coin shows gave reports. Bill Howard conducted the auction. Club members felt that the TNA was on the right track and doing well. Club member Ray Whyborn was given credit for his efforts in helping the TNA.

--Carl Flores, (Secretary)

DISTRICT XV

The November 16th meeting of the **Beaumont Coin Club** was called to order by President Jerry Williams. Mr. Richard Lassiter a paper collector was the clubs visitor. Jack Provsot and Bill Stein gave a report on the most recent coin show. It was a resounding success. Seven dealers were turned away for lack of room. The youth auction was a huge success, thanks to all those that gave donations for this. Gary Gerald won the gold coin. Jack Provost and Bill Stein did a great job securing and running the show. The club donated a Red Book to the Beaumont Library, given to the club by Judy Matherne. Jerry Williams donated two more books to the club library. The 1996 officers will be Bill Stein-President, Ed White-Vice President, Art Larkin-Treasurer and Judy Matherne-Secretary. The big event of the night was the annual auction. The next meeting will be Dec. 21st this will be the annual Christmas Party.

President Jerry Williams called the Dec. 21st meeting to order with 23 people in attendance. Door prizes were given out with three people winning free meals. The Beaumont Library sent the club a nice letter of acknowledgment for the Red Book. Awards were given to the following people: Jerry Williams - The President's Medal & the C.L. Babcock award, and Carl Heartfield - The Life Time Achievement Award.

--Judy Matherne, (Club Secretary)

The **Orange Coin Club** met Nov. 9th with 13 members present. President Barbara Edwards called the meeting to order. The club discussed the upcoming Southeast Texas Coin & Collectables Show in Beaumont. The Christmas party will be held at the Orange Golden Corral. The club voted to boycott the Commemorative Coin program produced by the mint. Judy Matherne displayed her Canadian Coin Correspondence Course. The 1996 officers will be Ruben Lopez-President; David Scott-Vice President, Charles Cagle-Secretary; & Dewey Scott-Treasurer.

On Dec. 14th the Christmas party was held at the Golden Corral Restaurant with 18 members and guests present. There was a discussion on a new membership drive for 1996.

The Jan. 11th meeting had six members present with Barbara Edwards presiding. Barbara Edwards and Ruben Lopez were elected to represent the club at the Coin Show Committee meeting. The program was postponed due to low attendance.

--Charles Cagle, (Secretary)

The November meeting of the **Port Arthur Coin Club** was called to order by president Jerry Williams and attended by 10 members. The Christmas party will be at Dorothy's Front Porch. J.W. McManus and Rick Lancios won free dinners for the party. Ken Seholm gave the

program on Liberty Seated Dimes. The officers for 1996 will be Ken Seholm-President, J.W. McManus-Vice President, Ray Gannaway-Secretary; Rick Lanclos-Treasurer.

The December meeting was the Christmas party with 19 members attending. Awards were given to several members: Jerry Williams the Lloyd Buss Award for Outstanding Service to the club; Judy Matherne the T.G. Brown Award for service to the club. J.W. McManus the Best Program of the Year Award. The Southeast Texas Coin and Collectibles Spring Show will be March 16-17, at the Holiday Inn on IH-10 and Walden Road. The next meeting will be on Jan. 4th.

- -*Dollars and Cents*, (Judy Matherne, Editor)

The Jan. 4th meeting was called to order by President Ken Seholm with a pledge to our Flag and Country. There were 10 members present. Barbara Edwards agreed to be the ANA club representative, and Jerry Williams agreed to the TNA club representative position. Ricky Lanclos informed the club of Circus Script and how the Circus used it. Judy Matherne gave a program on "Hub Doubling". A club membership drive to increase the number of members was a main topic of discussion. Kay White won the door prize.

--Dollars and Cents, (Ray Gannaway, Secretary)

The October 31st **Silsbee Coin Club** meeting had 11 persons present, president Barbara Edwards presided. Jack and Art gave the report on the upcoming show, all tables are sold and dealers had to be turned away. The Christmas Party will be at the Catfish Cabin in December. Jim Cawley reported on the Bylaws revision bringing dues to $12.00 per year starting in 1996. Anyone in arrears on dues for three months will be dropped from membership. The club members voted to accept the revisions. The members also voted to boycott the Commemorative Mint products put out by the government. Richard Murphy gave a program on "Identifying Ancient Roman Coins".

At the Nov. 28th meeting there were 11 members in attendance. Jack Provost gave a report on the Fall Show, which was a big success. Barbara Edwards gave the "Story of Money" tape to the Silsbee School System. The 1996 officers will be Jim Cawley-President; Richard Murphy-Vice President; Jack Provost-Treasurer; Secretary-open. The Spring Show will be March 16-17, at the Holiday Inn on IH-10 at Walden Rd. Art Larkin gave the program on Germanic Coinage. The Christmas party will be on Dec. 26th at the Red Onion in Lumberton.

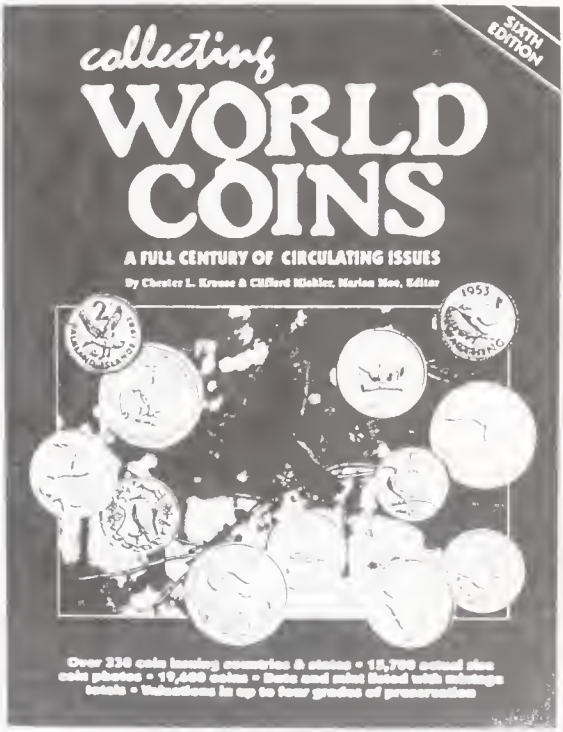
The annual Christmas dinner had 10 members in attendance at the Red Onion Restaurant. Barbara Edwards received the Past President's Medal and the Outstanding Member Award.

--Kay White & Judy Matherne, (Acting Secretarys)

DISTRICT XVII

The Novemoer 9th meeting cf the **Waco Coin Club** was called to order by President Darron Ellsworth with 25 members. The club voted to allow the 1996 show committee make expenditures for anything necessary to concuct the show and be reimbersed in a timely manner. Dalton Adams announced ne was closing his coin store and would sell his coin reference library to the club for $1,000. The club voted to accep: this anc store the library with Mike Roe. The officers 'or 1996 will be Mel Lucas-President, Alan Wood-Vice President; George Kubal-Treasurer; Virginia Dillard-Secretary: John P. Jones-Program Chairman. The club has a new mailing address, P.O. Box 1321, Hewitt, TX 76643-1321. John P. Jones gave a talk on "This Month in Numismatic History". The Christmas party will be on Dec. 14th at Uncle Dan's Rib House No. 1.

- -*WACOINEWS* (George Kubal, editor; Virginia Dillard, secretary)



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